

I have had a letter of Mr. F.'s laying over
about 3 weeks waiting for a vessel,
Enow must send via Philada.

Rev. W. L. Judd & family sailed hence
for Port au Prince a few days since
under direction of the Baptist Free
Miss. Socy. W. H. Pillow, late
memb. of Ev. Com. Am. Miss. Ass. is,
with his wife, jumping & dancing a-
mong the Shakers in N. Hampshire.

I am trying to have your files as
perfect as possible for you when
you return. Would that we had
a telegraph wire that you could
send us word how much better
you are. Gibbs, (of Baltimore is can-
vassing N. York for the Era, & gets
lots of subscribers. I send you files
of the N. Y. Evang. & Weekly Tribune
with a pamphlet or two & such
fugitive papers as came first to
hand.

Yours truly

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New York, Jan. 8. (2 P. M.) 1847

Bro. Phelps, By no fault of ours, but on acct. of circumstances which we could not control or foresee, we have but 1/2 hour to make ready what we want to say & send to you. Without stopping to explain, let me say things likely to interest you, just as they occur to me. I duly rec^d both your letters, & promptly sent the one to Mrs. P. & know that she rec^d it. Kershaw was here for a few hours about 10 days since, & paid me \$400.00 for you, which I enclosed to your wife. He had just heard of the death of his mother at Savannah, & was quite low spirited of course. I have tried all I knew to get that amt. out of Johnson, & have had as a last promise that "something would be done after New Year" - I expect it will be after - but I shall still try. I have sold but few books - in fact we sell but little of any thing but Almanacs of which we have disposed of 11 to 12,000. I have this moment learned that we cannot expect the National Era in time to send you a copy by this opportunity. Mr. Tappan may invent a way to get one to you - but I fear we shall have to disappoint you this time. Bradley & his family are here - having removed from Md. with a view of a business engagement in N. York. Mr. Storrs is likely to prove very popular at the Pilgrim Church. The Beacon of Liberty is merged in the Emancipator, & fears are whispered that both may merge into - Some other of our papers begin to tremble, in view of the success of the Era, of which bro. J. is now writing to you. The Hutchinsons have been decently mobbed out of Philada. because they would not exclude colored people from their concerts at the Musical Fund. Hudson has been invited to succeed Prof. Whipple at Oberlin: result uncertain. We get along very pleasantly at the office: bro. W. is an excellent man. We have a great deal of trouble to find a vessel going to Jamaica. As you see, a